

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The July 1, 2004 Office Action has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), claims 1 – 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants neither agree nor acquiesce with the Examiner's characterization of the prior art or the specification or claims of the above-identified application. However, Applicants realize that they are not prosecuting the most optimum set of claims and have filed a continuation application on date even herewith.

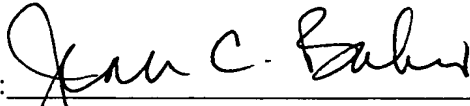
Therefore, Applicants seek to abandon the above-identified application on the six month date, January 1, 2005, in favor of the new continuation application.

Applicants have enclosed a Petition and Fee for Three Months Extension of Time. If further fees are needed please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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